GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND ENTERTAINMENT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any 'Committee on Information,Communication and Entertainment';

(b) if so, the details thereof including its composition and mandate/terms of reference;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;and

(e) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Committee consists of the following members:

- Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Chairman.

- Member Secretary, Planning Commission.

- Secretary, Information and Broadcasting.

- Secretary, Department of Telecommunications.

- Secretary, Department of Information Technology.

- Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs.

- Secretary, Department of Commerce.

- Media Advisor to the Prime Minister.

The Committee also consists of the following experts:-

- Shri Shekhar Kapur

- Shri Kiran Karnik

- Shri Sashi Kumar

- Shri Ravi Vasudevan

- Shri Amit Khanna

The Committee has been constituted to consider the following issues:

To respond to a specific representation given by the Film and Television Producers Guild of India Limited to the Prime Minister.

To identify new opportunities in the areas of Information, Communication and Entertainment where the State needs to play a pro-active role.

(c) Yes,Sir.

(d) & (e) The Committee had constituted six sub-groups.The reports of these sub-groups were collated as the draft report of the Committee. Of the main recommendations regarding creating a global presence for strategic purposes, it was felt that no intervention is needed at present in view of the growth of the private sector. For promotion of animation and gaming sector under the Eleventh Five Year Plan, setting up of a National Centre of Excellence for Animation,Gaming and Special Effects has been included.

Thus,action in respect of the Information Communication and Entertainment Committee and its draft report may be taken as completed.